

CLAIMS:

1. A control panel for video apparatus which is in the form of at least an operating module (31) and a control module (32), the control module (32) having a first interface (37) for connection to a control panel (2) and at least a second interface (35) for connection of the operating module (31), and the operating module (31) having at least an interface (34) for connection to the control module (32).

2. A control panel as claimed in claim 1, in which the operating module (31) and control module (32) are arranged so that their interfaces can be directly connected.

3. An operating module (31) for a control panel as claimed in claim 1 or 2, which operating module includes as electronic components a parallel-to-serial converter (SR) for serially outputting control component states and a demultiplexer (DEMUX) for driving display means.

4. An operating module as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that an identification (ID) of the operating module (31) is output via the interface (34).

5. A control module for a control panel as claimed in claim 1 or 2, which comprises an interface (37) for driving a video apparatus (1), a processor (μ P) and a memory (RAM, ROM) for generating control data, and a demultiplexer (DEMX) for converting control component states which are present in serial form, as well as a parallel-to-serial converter (SR) for combining control data for display elements to a serial data stream.